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Any written testimony must be prepared and submitted to the Office of Legislation at least 24 hours prior to the hearing for transmittal to committee staff, the Resources Agency and the Governor's office

**NOTE:** CDF personnel will not testify at committee hearings unless the department has a Governor's Office approved position. If the approved testimony is to be in opposition to a bill, a letter of opposition must be submitted to the author and committee the bill is being heard in at least 24 hours in advance of the hearing. **See Section 0546, Letters of Opposition (see section), and Sample Letter of Opposition (see exhibit)**.

When an approved position has not been received from the Governor's Office, the chief, Office of Legislation or the departmental representative, upon request from the committee or bill author, may respond to technical questions but may not state a position for the department.

During the course of testimony the departmental representative may be requested to respond to amendments. Responses must not commit the department to any position.

The Chief, Office of Legislation may provide testimony in the absence of the Director or Deputy Director. Technical information and support is provided by the designated program manager.

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